

cable companies the ability to provide the programming desired by their customers. Decisions about what programming to carry on a cable system should be made by consumers, not federal bureaucrats.

Mr. Speaker, the federal government should not interfere with a consumer's ability to purchase services such as satellite or cable television in the free market. I therefore urge my colleagues to take a step toward restoring freedom by cosponsoring my Television Consumer Freedom Act.

#### HONORING KEN MEYER

#### HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ken Meyer, a Southwest Missourian who has championed his alma mater, volunteered his leadership to worthy causes and has entertained and informed the region via radio. Though his voice is not on the radio, his stations have been a long-trusted source of information about government, politics, business and sports for more than four decades.

Ken and Jane Meyer have had a passion for radio, Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) and each other. Their marriage partnership began in 1959. This partnership has paid great dividends to SMSU, and the success of their radio properties has enriched the lives of countless people in our region. Sadly, Jane passed away earlier this year.

Ken Meyer graduated from what is now Southwest Missouri State University in 1950 after serving two years in the military at the end of World War II. Mt. Vernon High School graduates, Ken and Jane got into the radio broadcasting business when KTXR-FM went on the air in 1962. It was a gamble in the early 60s. FM radio was new and there were few receivers. AM radio ruled the air waves then, but the Meyers were in the vanguard of change. By the 1980's FM radio had established its dominance. Today, Meyer Broadcasting has stations in four markets, but the flagship station remains in Springfield.

Ken and Jane made their broadcasting stations a great success. With the "Gentle Giant" as they dubbed KTXR, Ken and Jane developed close ties with their listeners by broadcasting St. Louis Cardinal's baseball, big band hits and easy listening music.

Ken also uses his radio power to promote SMSU. For example, his radio stations became some of the first to regularly broadcast women's college basketball, along with the men's schedule.

The Meyers have shared their good fortune with charitable groups and with SMSU, which named Ken their "Outstanding Alumni" in 1985. The Meyers have established endowments for academic and athletic scholarships. They are givers to capital projects on the campus including the David Glass Hall, Juanita Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, the Wehr Band Hall, and the Robert Plaster Sports Complex. Earlier this year, the Kenneth E. and Jane A. Meyer Foundation provided funding for a carillon that was added to an expansion of the university's library. Dedicated in the name of Jane Meyer, the 48-bell (four octaves) musical instrument sits atop a 140 foot tall bell tower on the campus.

Ken continues to give of his time to important personal priorities. He has served on the Blue Cross-Blue Shield of St. Louis Board for 15 years and has been a longtime member of the Board of Trustees for Westminster College. He also established a foundation at Covenant Presbyterian Church where he is a long time member. He has served on the Cox Health System Board of Directors, was a founder of the First City National Bank and was a Regent at Southwest Baptist University.

Ken's philosophy may be best captured in a Vince Lombardi poster that declares "Winning is a habit." Ken Meyer has certainly lived a life as a champion of causes. He may be the most enthusiastic supporter that Southwest Missouri State University has ever had.

On the occasion of Ken's 75th birthday on October 14, I wish to thank him for his untiring work for the community and alma mater; thank him for the beautiful music originating from the Jane Meyer Carillon; and thank him for bringing dependable information and entertainment to his countless listeners.

H.R. 4874

#### HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H.R. 4874 to correct 122-year-old survey errors along Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in northern Idaho. The bill requires the Bureau of Land Management to conduct a new survey of the lakes to correct errors identified in the original 1880 survey and directs the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands.

For over one hundred years, individuals have owned land around the beautiful lakes located in Idaho's Kootenai County. However, ownership now is in question for more than 400 people who bought the land and pay taxes on the property. H.R. 4874 will correct that problem.

In 1880 John B. David, a surveyor under contract with the General Land Office, grossly misrepresented portions of the actual lake-shore around Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes. In some places the meander lines along the shore are up to a mile and a half away from their actual location. No one noticed the inaccurate survey when the land was originally patented, and no one caught the mistake over the years as the land changed hands. In the meantime, the shorelines of these popular lakes have become heavily developed.

It was not until recently that Kootenai County Surveyor discovered the problem. County officials have expressed concern over their inability to approve and regulate new developments, surveys, and permits due to the inaccuracy of the original government survey. The problem will only worsen as the lakes become more developed.

Under current law, the Bureau of Land Management is required to conduct a resurvey of the actual meander of the lakes. The lands between the old incorrect meander line and the new meander line would become omitted land and would revert to federal ownership. Property owners would be required to repurchase, at fair market value, the land they believed they owned for over 100 years, as well

as pay for survey and administrative costs. That is simply not fair. These individuals bought the land in good faith and the government should not be allowed to take it from them simply because of a survey error over 120 years ago.

My legislation corrects the problem by creating a solution that retains the correct ownership situation without placing the expense of correcting it on the affected property owners. H.R. 4874 allows BLM to issue a "disclaimer of interest" in the affected lands so title companies and Kootenai County can proceed with ownership related matters surrounding clear title. The legislation also authorizes the necessary funding for BLM to conduct a new survey and perform the required administrative procedures.

Most of the property owners involved in this situation have a chain of title that goes back over 100 years. H.R. 4874 is really the only acceptable solution to the problem. I look forward to passage of this legislation into law.

SEPTEMBER 11—ONE YEAR LATER

#### HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, America will never be the same as a result of September 11, 2001. The horrific events of that day dramatically changed the landscape of not only New York City and Washington, D.C., but also the entire civilized world. The images of commercial airliners plunging into symbols of American enterprise, economy and security will forever be seared on our individual and national memories. But, also vivid are the images of Americans' spirit of community, gratitude and generosity that have been demonstrated these past twelve months.

Through our heartache and sorrow, Americans joined together this year in an unprecedented show of strength and unity. The outpouring of patriotism and pride across the country is displaying itself in every conceivable way. The American flag is flying: large and small; cloth and paper; store-bought and handmade; the red, white and blue is everywhere. Americans opened their homes and wallets to care for the victims. Goods and services were donated to the victims and rescue workers at an almost unmanageable pace. Restaurants in New York and Washington opened their doors to feed the rescuers, people stood on street corners and handed food to passing firemen and companies donated pillows and blankets for weary workers.

The morning after the attack, a column appeared in the Miami Herald that spread across the Internet because it captured the thoughts and feelings of our nation so aptly. In it, the columnist described the "vast and quarrelsome" American family, one "rent by racial, social, political and class division, but a family nonetheless." If the tragedy proved anything, it is that the American family is one that reaches out its hand to help another in need.

The tragedy also redefined the American hero and turned ordinary people into extraordinary Americans. After the first assault on the World Trade Center, New York City firefighters and policemen rushed into the building and